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ANCIENT ADVICE.

Come, let us do our shopping early, before the Christmas rush begins, and buy a doll with tresses curly—or buy two dolls—if they are twins. This theme is all that I can think of, the only subject for a lay; the bubbling spring that poets drink of for me is dry as last year's hay. I've scratched my head for hours together to find a subject for a song, and there is nothing but the wather—and that I've sung about too long. I've racked my brain till it is popping, disturbed the household's restful calm; there's nothing left but Christmas shopping, that one in verses may embalm. Oh, sisters, do your shopping early, before the rushing throngs begin, for when your reach the portals pearly, St. Peter will not let you in! There's nothing doing in this valley, the country's quiet as the town; gone arthe caucus and the rally, the suffragists have simmered down. The poet's briny tears are dropping adown his whiskers to the floor; there's nothing left but Christmas shopping that calls for anthems any more. The knee sprung muse is sour and surly, the harp is rusty tin. Oh, brothers, do your shopping early before the Christmas crowds begin!

WALT MASON.

### SCATTERBRAIN HUNTERS.

Nearly a hunter per day has been killed in the forests of Michigan during the fall shooting season. In Wisconsin 12 hunters were killed and 10 dangerously wounded. Almost everywhere serious accidents.

In the wide spaces of the great west there are still vast tracts where the hunter can blaze away and hit nothing more vulnerable than a mountain. In the rest of the country, the areas of wild land are yearly becoming more contracted. The time is coming when nearly every piece of woodland will be within range of someone's back yard.

Every year there are some hunters and less game. Which produces a little more intense eagerness on the

part of the sportsman, and a quicker pull on the trigger.

Probably the worst trouble does not come from the men who have the reputation of being the most reckless. The cowboy may pull his gun in a Nevada saloon, merely because the tenderfoot asked too many questions. When he gets out in the woods, every motion of wild life is correctly read by him. The tenderfoot would be much safer shooting with Alkali Ike than with cautious John Smith, who has gone out in the woods for a vacation from coupon clipping.

It is the man from the office in his spruce hunting suit and fancy rifle who is the real peril. The life of the woods is new and strange to him. The thousand signs by which the woodsman detects the presence of game are an unknown tongue. The fever for killing is not dulled by experience. He blazes away at the first thing that moves. There being a hunter for every deer, the only thing that saves the sportsmen is that they are such bad shots.

The farmer has his own views about all this. After the fun is over, he has his own personal account to add up. There are domestic animals killed by chance shots, fences pulled down, and forest fires set by the careless camps of hunters. But then, as everyone knows, the farmer is a person of no imagination, no sympathy with modern life and sport.

### WHY A SPECIAL SESSION NOW?

At a time when the democratic state central committee with only one dissenting vote, and almost every democrat in the state asked for a special session of the legislature, Governor Cruce said that he would not call it, because no one but the politicians wanted it.

Now, without a call from anyone, and for reasons known only to himself the senate is called together in special session. Then it was not called because nobody but the politicians wanted it, and because of the expense. Now it is called for personal reasons known only to himself and which will develop later and not to his advantage.

One man power—Hamilton's ideas of government—won't go in Oklahoma.

The governor under the constitution is given great power which if used discreetly by a good general may be carried far beyond what it was originally intended, but in the hands of a disciple of Hamilton, looking in 1919, a disciple of Hamilton, lacking in political sagacity—this power which might be used will be found a source of weakness instead.

There were the best reasons when the state committee asked it. There are no good reasons now for a special session.

On October 8, State Superintendent Wilson and other members of the state board of education, asked that an agreed statement of facts be submitted to the supreme court and that the court be asked also for a speedy decision. Had this been agreed to this controversy would have been settled long ago. This Governor Cruce and Attorney General West refused to do.

The whole thing is a tempest in a teapot which should never have been provoked. There is back of it nothing at all or something purely personal, or something not yet disclosed. Before the legislature is through with

it everything will come out and that is what the public wants and should have.—Tulsa Democrat.

### THE FOOD SALE.

The exigencies of church finance and Ladies Aid Society strategy have developed of late years a money raising device known as the "food sale." From Thanksgiving to Christmas it flourishes at its height.

Of course on the strictly economic basis, it must fall under condemnation with the entire fair system of raising money for charity. The housewife puts 50 cents worth of material into a pie that sells for 25 to 35 cents. If she would contribute the 50 cents outright, the church would get 50 per cent more money. The women could be darning the family stockings or playing bridge, instead of tending tables at the church parlor.

But the fair system is a "fact accomplished" as the diplomatist would say. You can't dislodge it. Intuitive woman kind knows perfectly that the egg basket and the cream jar can be touched up a dozen times for material worth 50 cents each time, when the Old Man wouldn't give \$1.00 even once.

To a certain extent the food sale represents an economic advance. At the ordinary charity fair many of the things you buy are of no real value. You are already stocked with match safes, pennwipers, blotting pads, handkerchief cases, laundry bags, glove boxes, and other trial nothings.

The food sale has this in its favor, that the product is something you really want. And it is produced under the most substantial conditions of housewifery. No factory concoctions with eggs and cream and sugar diluted with flour, glucose, water and wind, can get by the inspection of matronly connoisseurs at the food sale. If they can't tell by looking at it, or by the record of the creators thereof as pie or cake makers, they will touch, taste, or surreptitiously smell.

The food sale is a time when old fashioned notions of woman, asphere are in the ascendant. No matter how gracefully you may pour at 5 o'clock tea, if you can't make a real mince pie, you would much better give a dollar in cash than see the work of your hands actioned off at the close of the sale for a dime.

### REMOVAL OF LOCAL OFFICERS.

Governor Cruce is going to experience some difficulty in securing authority to summarily remove local officials from office, if we may judge accurately from the tone of the press of the state.

At the time the governor's message was given to the public, The Oklahoman in commenting upon it, stated that while, on the whole, it was a particularly able pronouncement, we could not agree with him in all of his recommendations. In saying as much, we had this particular feature in mind.

The power to summarily dismiss local officials who, apparently, are lax in their duties toward the enforcement of law, is a tremendous one, which, in the hands of an unscrupulous governor, may be employed to work out all sorts of mischievous ends. We do not believe Governor Cruce would abuse this power; but we must remember that he will be governor only two years longer, and then the power will pass to other hands. It is the future for which we fear, rather than the present.

The enforcement of all of our laws,

particularly those prohibiting the sale of intoxicants and gambling, for which the governor asks the power, is, as The Oklahoman has frequently remarked, just what the people want it to be. If the prohibitory law goes unenforced, or the law against gambling goes unenforced, it is because a majority of the people are willing to either see the laws in each case go unenforced or are indifferent toward that end, which amounts to the same thing. It is fair to assume, therefore, that laxity of law enforcement in such instances is the desideratum of the majority.

We are not averse to giving the governor power to suspend an official who may be lax in his duties toward law enforcement, but the power to remove should remain in the courts, where it belongs in every truly democratic system of government.—Oklahoman.

### SUGGESTION AND SUICIDE.

That the suggestive effect of reading details of suicides is a powerful factor in the causation of suicide among susceptible persons is recognized. The suggestion is more likely to have influence when in the account of the suicide some poisonous article commonly found in households, such as phenol, Lysol and Rought on Rats, is named as the agent employed by the suicide. In New South Wales newspapers have been asked by the pharmaceutical board not to publish the names of poisons used by suicides. In several instances leading newspapers have heeded this request, particularly in connection with Lysol poisoning cases, which are numerous in all the states of the commonwealth. The American Medical Association, in 1910, adopted resolutions to the effect that the publication of details of suicides in newspapers is one of the potent causes of other suicides through suggestion and it was recommended to the public press that the details of suicides be omitted from publication.

Twenty-three Days  
to Christmas

Dec. 2

Twenty-three! Skidoo!  
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through!  
This means YOU!

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THAN EVER

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While it is the consensus of opinion which Mr. Morgan has given to the that the publication of details of suicides does promote further similar acts, the newspapers assert that it is their duty to publish the news. In adopting this attitude, says The Journal of American Medical Association, the newspapers are assuming a serious responsibility. A definite and strong expression of public opinion against this practice would no doubt have a better effect even than legal enactments.

Dr. Wiley has strict views about giving candy to children, but Wiley, Jr., has a mother.

The Jolly Rosenthal gunmen have only until January 6 to live, and they are even denied the privilege during that period of working at their customary trade.

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